



**Press Release**

**“Unique Experience • Unique Me”**

**The Hong Kong Award for Young People---Gold Award Presentation Ceremony**

(Hong Kong, 08/01/2008) More than a hundred of teenagers received their Gold Award Certificates of The Hong Kong Award for Young People (AYP) from The Hon. Donald Tsang, GBM, The Chief Executive of HKSAR today, and shared their happiness of completing different challenges successfully with all of the guests.

The yearly Gold Award Presentation Ceremony was held at Loke Yew Hall, The University of Hong Kong today. The Hon. Donald Tsang, GBM, The Chief Executive of HKSAR was invited to officiate at the ceremony and have conversation with the 126 Award recipients. What had been gained from the Award Scheme was not only a piece of certificate or global bird badge, but also the unique experience of the Award Scheme.

To attain the Gold Award, each participant needs to spend in average 3 to 4 years to complete the challenges and tasks of 5 different Sections. Participants should spend at least 100 hours on community services, complete 12-month skill training, finish 60 km expedition journey within 4 days and 3 nights, participate in one physical recreation activity for at least 18 weeks continuously and have a 5 days and 4 nights residential project with a group of teenagers who they never met before. Although they had to face different challenges and overcome different difficulties, they grew and gained their unique and unforgettable experience in return.

The Gold Awardees were appreciated by Mr. Paul Fan, Chairman of Award Council in the welcoming speech. He said that this unique experience made the life of recipients special and unusual and to become “Unique Me”. He believed every recipients would use what they had learned from the Award Scheme to contribute to the society in the future.

The Hong Kong Award for Young People succeeds the Award’s global tradition that the Gold Awards are presented by the head of government or state. The Chief Executive not only presented certificates to the Gold Award recipients, but also presented certificates to the volunteers who had served the Award Scheme for 10 years as appreciation and recognition.

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Enclosed: Statistics of Recipients

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**Gold Award Presentation Ceremony 2007**  
**Statistics of Recipients**

**Number of recipients of Gold Award totaling: 126**

Male: 76 (60%)

Female: 50 (40%)

**Number of recipients of Certificate of Recognition: 17**

**Distribution of recipients of Gold Award:**

<b><u>Name of Operating Authorities</u></b>	<b><u>No. of Recipients</u></b>
1. Scout Association of H.K. Operating Authority	80
2. Schools Operating Authority	21
3. Award Operating Authority	8
4. Vocational Training Council Operating Authority	6
5. Chinese Y.M.C.A. Operating Authority	3
6. Hong Kong Police Operating Authority	3
7. H.K. Playground Association Operating Authority	2
8. The H.K. Federation of Youth Groups Operating Authority	2
9. H.K. Sea Cadet Corps Operating Authority	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>